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B.T. scales of pay for Tamil and Sanskrit Pandits with Secondary Grade Training qualifications.

* 296 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Tamil and Sanskrit Pandits with Secondary Grade Training qualifications are eligible for B.T. scales of pay if they handle the higher forms;

(*b*) whether Hindi Pandits possessing similar qualifications are eligible for B.T. scales of pay under similar circumstances; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, provided they have full work for not less than 17 hours per week.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that Hindi Pandits who are Secondary Grade trained are again forced to undergo Pracharak training? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps because they do not hold the Pracharak Diploma, they are required to undergo that training."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is it not a fact that there is an order of the Director of Public Instruction to the effect that any training would do for a Pandit, and will Government see that Hindi Pandits are not forced to undergo a second training, but are allowed to teach classes according to the present regulations on a par with Tamil and Sanskrit Pandits? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to give notice of a separate question."

Jurisdiction of Divisional Inspectors of Schools in this State.

* 297 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the area within the jurisdiction of each Divisional Inspector of Schools in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education) :—" The jurisdiction of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madurai, extends over the educational districts of Madras, Chingleput, South Arcot, Tanjore West, Tanjore East, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli East, and Tirunelveli West. The Divisional Inspector, Coimbatore, is in charge of the educational districts of North Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirappalli (including Pudukkottai), Coimbatore, The Nilgiris, Central and South and North Malabar and South Kanara."

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SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த வேலையில் அமர்ந்திருப்பவர்களில் யாராவது ரிடையர் ஆனவரது பதவி காலம் நீடிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is it correct that Madras comes in the jurisdiction of Madurai Division ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know the reasons why when the intervening districts belong to Coimbatore Division, Madras should come under Madurai, which is far in the South ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Why; there are also Chingleput, South Arcot and Tirunelveli."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Hon. the Minister enlighten the original purpose for which these posts of Divisional Inspectors were created."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The purpose behind the creation of these posts was to supervise the work of the District Educational Officers and others."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will Government re-examine whether there is need for these intermediary Divisional Inspectors and whether these posts could not be abolished and more District Educational Officers appointed instead to cope with the opening of more elementary and secondary schools every year ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Appointing more District Educational Officers is a different matter. Government have examined this question and they do consider it worthwhile and useful to have these Divisional Inspectors who can have more effective supervision over the work which is very necessary."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is it a fact that they have no powers to inspect High Schools ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I should like to have notice, Sir."

Action taken on resolution from the Salavayalar Conference, Cuddalore taluk.

* 298 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any resolution from the Salavayalar Conference, Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district, which was held in 1949 or 1950, regarding the grant of house-sites for houseless washermen; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?